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        IMAGE FEATURE SPACE DISPLAYING
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It has come to the undersigned attorneys' attention that an inadvertent error occurs in the Form PTO/SB/08 that accompanied the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed July 18, 2005. Copies of the IDS, the Partial European Search Report referred to therein, and the Form PTO/SB/08 are attached. Cite No. BA (EPO 62097984) is incorrect and should not have been included in the Form PTO/SB/08, but, rather,

the citation should have been JP 63263590. Accordingly, an amended Form PTO/SB/08, with the correct citation, is attached, together with a copy of the English-language Abstract and of the Japanese document. The prior art documents are the same ones submitted previously. Only the citation data is being corrected.

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits as far as is known to the undersigned (37 CFR 1.97(b)(3)). A summary/abstract translation of the non-English language reference is enclosed. The references cited in this IDS were cited during prosecution of a corresponding European patent application. A copy of the European Search Report is also enclosed.

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

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